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For: POWER BALANCED OPTICAL ADD MULTIPLEXER AND POWER  
BALANCING METHODS THEREFORE

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Respectfully submitted,

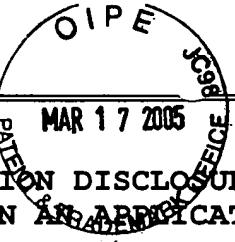
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